



# St. John Catholic Church

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Hello, All Our Long Missed Faithful!!!

I miss you!!! We all miss you!!! Fr Frank, Fr Ernest, myself and all the staff miss you!!!

Some of you we have seen here and there, but some of you I have not seen in MONTHS.

I encourage you to continue to do what you feel is best in order to be safe and healthy. You are responsible for your own safety. So please take care.

I haven't written in a while so I wanted to drop a note.

First, please be sure to tune in to our livestream Mass if you have not. We are getting a NEW HIGH-TECH system that should be operational July 26<sup>th</sup>. I apologize if the sound and quality has been poor the last couple weeks, our old system died. The new one should be excellent so be sure to tune in this weekend July 26<sup>th</sup>. The link is <https://tinyurl.com/rqo7l8d>. You can also go to Facebook RVA Cluster of Catholic Churches.

It has also been great to see folks who have decided they are ready to come back to Mass. We are about half attendance of normal.

This has definitely been going on longer than I think anyone of us had thought. I thought it would have been over by now but it just seems to linger around. Nevertheless, it will end! I promise!!! Just persevere and God will no doubt bring good from all this. I have already seen some good coming from all this. It is great to see. Can you see it?

Thank you also for your continued support of our parishes. We are very grateful. We are still doing God's work and need your support to do that work. You can just mail in your contribution or go to the parish website and click the Egiving link to setup giving. It is super quick and easy.

On a spiritual side of things, we have just completed Confirmations at the parishes. We had over 20 young men and women get Confirmed! Do you remember your Confirmation?

We also had RCIA and baptized an awesome group of men and women who received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion).

This weekend we have First Holy Communion. Ladies, do you still have your dress from your first Holy Communion? I bet you looked like a little angel! It is a great weekend. Kids are so excited to receive Holy Communion. We should be like them every weekend!

We are also doing tons to serve the physical needs of others. This terrible heat is a real burden especially for our poor in the city and the homeless.

We are giving out hundreds and hundred of cold waters and meals at St Peter. We have also received possibly more groceries than we ever have, which is good because the extra need is there.

The thing about all this current situation is that some folks are fine in regard to their job and financially, and others are really facing a big question mark as to what their future holds. I pray you all are in the first group. But I also encourage you not to forget those in the second group and please try to be generous to help. Remember, the only thing you take with you to Heaven is what you give away in this life.

Please call us if you need anything. If you are lonely, if you need us to bring you Holy Communion, if you are sick, if you need groceries or help with a bill. Do not hesitate. It may feel like we are separated by we are just a call or email away. My email is [ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com](mailto:ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com). Email me!

We love you and are praying for your health and the health of all your loved ones.

The Church is here for you and we are keeping the parishes clean and well kept for when things get back to normal.

Hope to see you soon!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Dino Rossi".

Fr. Rossi